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FCN Treaty transmitted by Cabinet May 27 to Diet Secretariat for earliest reference to Lower House Foreign Relations Committee. However, Diet expected recess shortly, following budget deliberations, will reconvene latter part June. Foreign Office reports committee will first consider numerous other treaties and conventions entered into in accordance terms peace treaty. Timing FCN consideration problematical, but Foreign Office believes end June possible, mid-July more likely. After committee hearings treaty will be referred Lower House, then Upper House, which may, often does, suspend action controversial issues 30 days. Diet adjournment anticipated early September. Foreign Office equally interested obtaining date transmittal treaty to Senate and probable timing Senate consideration.

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